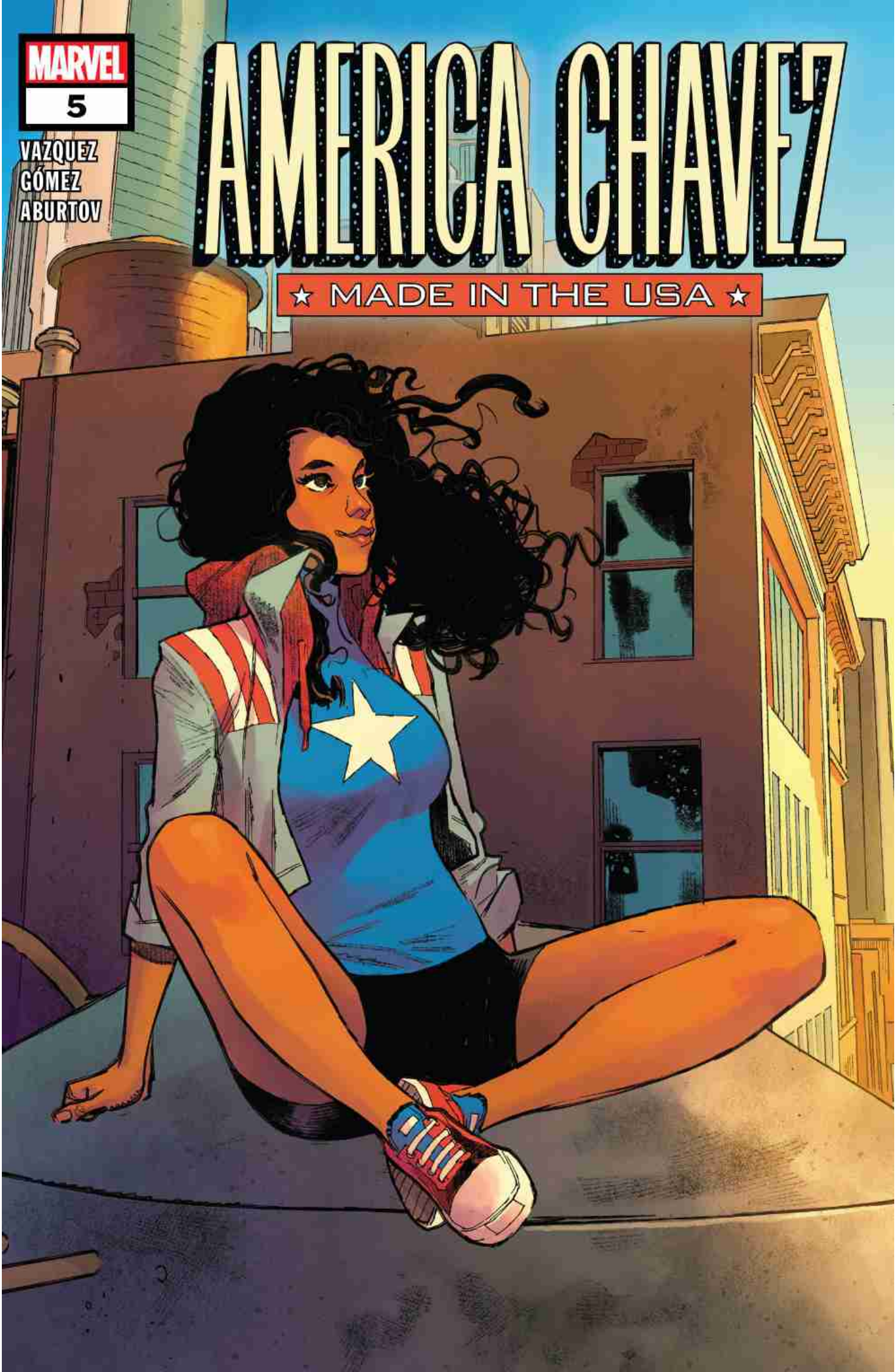
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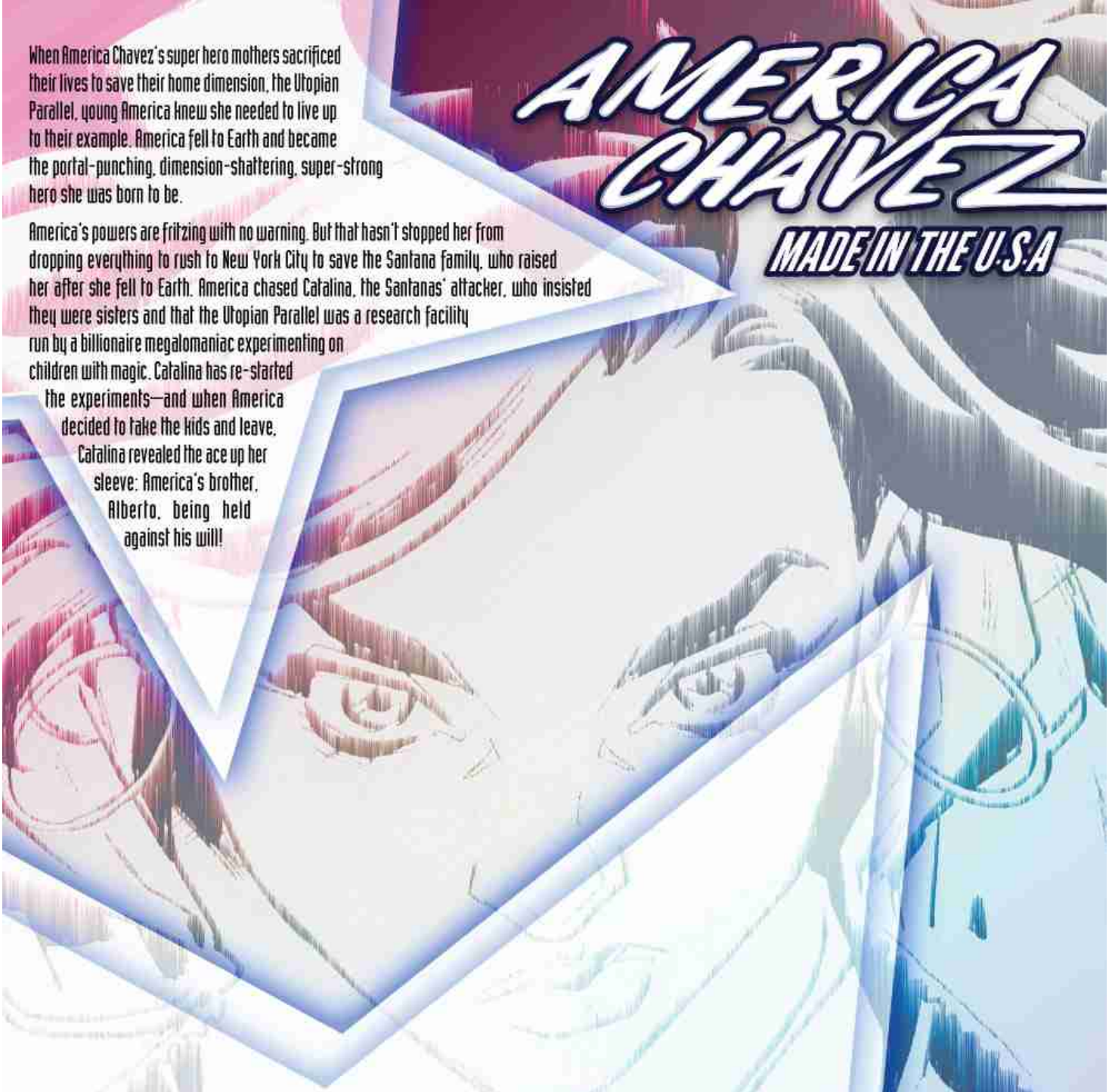

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When America Chavez's super hero mothers sacrificed their lives to save their home dimension, the Utopian Parallel, young America knew she needed to live up to their example. America fell to Earth and became the portal-punching, dimension-shattering, super-strong hero she was born to be.

America's powers are fritzing with no warning. But that hasn't stopped her from dropping everything to rush to New York City to save the Santana family, who raised her after she fell to Earth. America chased Catalina, the Santanas' attacker, who insisted they were sisters and that the Utopian Parallel was a research facility run by a billionaire megalomaniac experimenting on children with magic. Catalina has re-started the experiments—and when America decided to take the kids and leave, Catalina revealed the ace up her sleeve: America's brother, Alberto, being held against his will!

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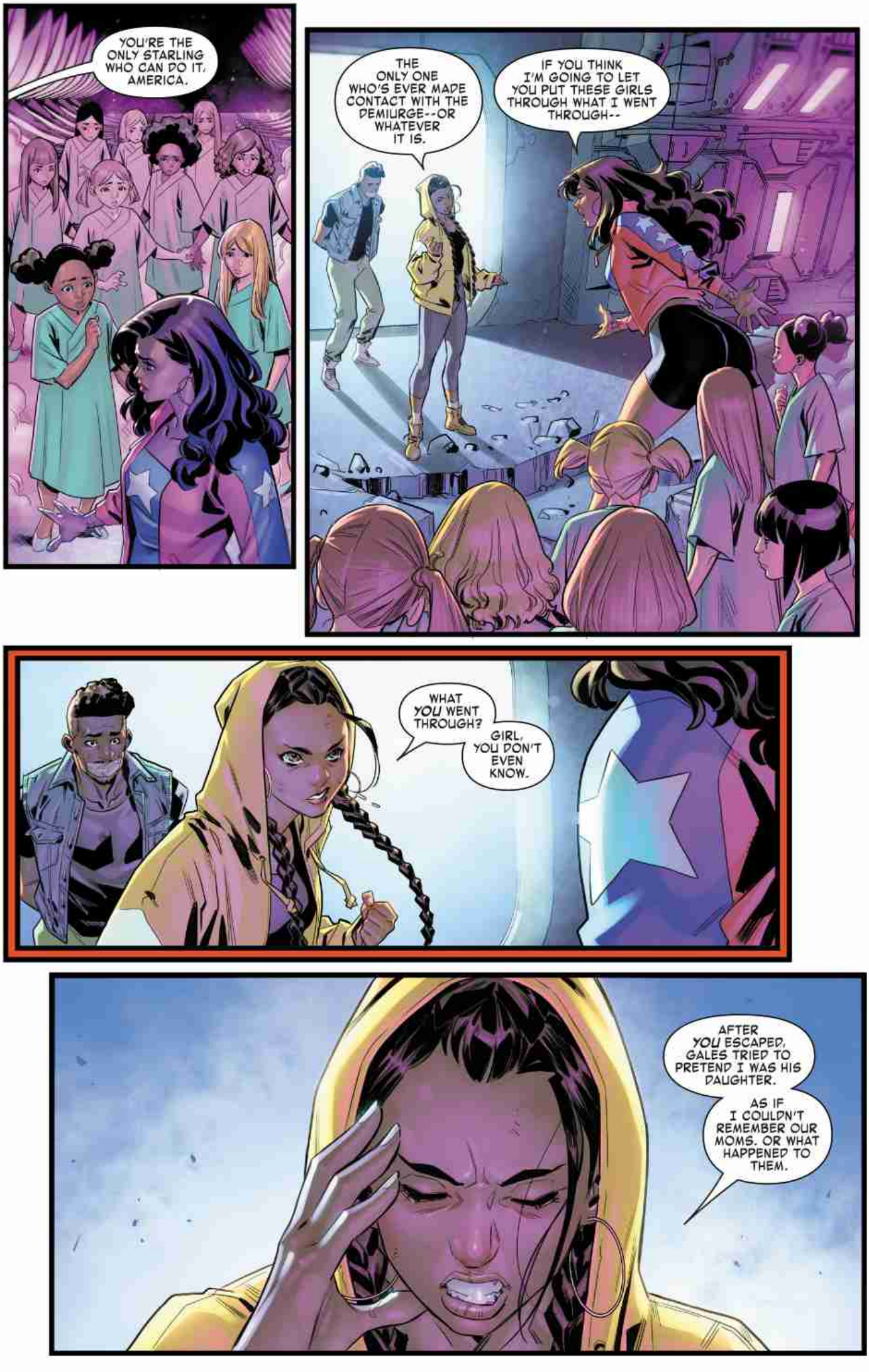
GETTING HER UP IN THE SKY CAN BE TRICKY...
...BUT ONCE SHE'S THERE, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT TO GET HER BACK DOWN.
TRUST ME.
Washington Heights. Eleven years ago.
BERTO--HOW'D YOU EVEN LEARN ALL THIS STUFF?
PAPI TAUGHT ME. IT'S A SANTANA FAMILY TRADITION.
AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN.
PA'RRIBA, PA'LANTE!!!
¡GIGGLE¡
AMERICA...
...LOOK AT HER GO.

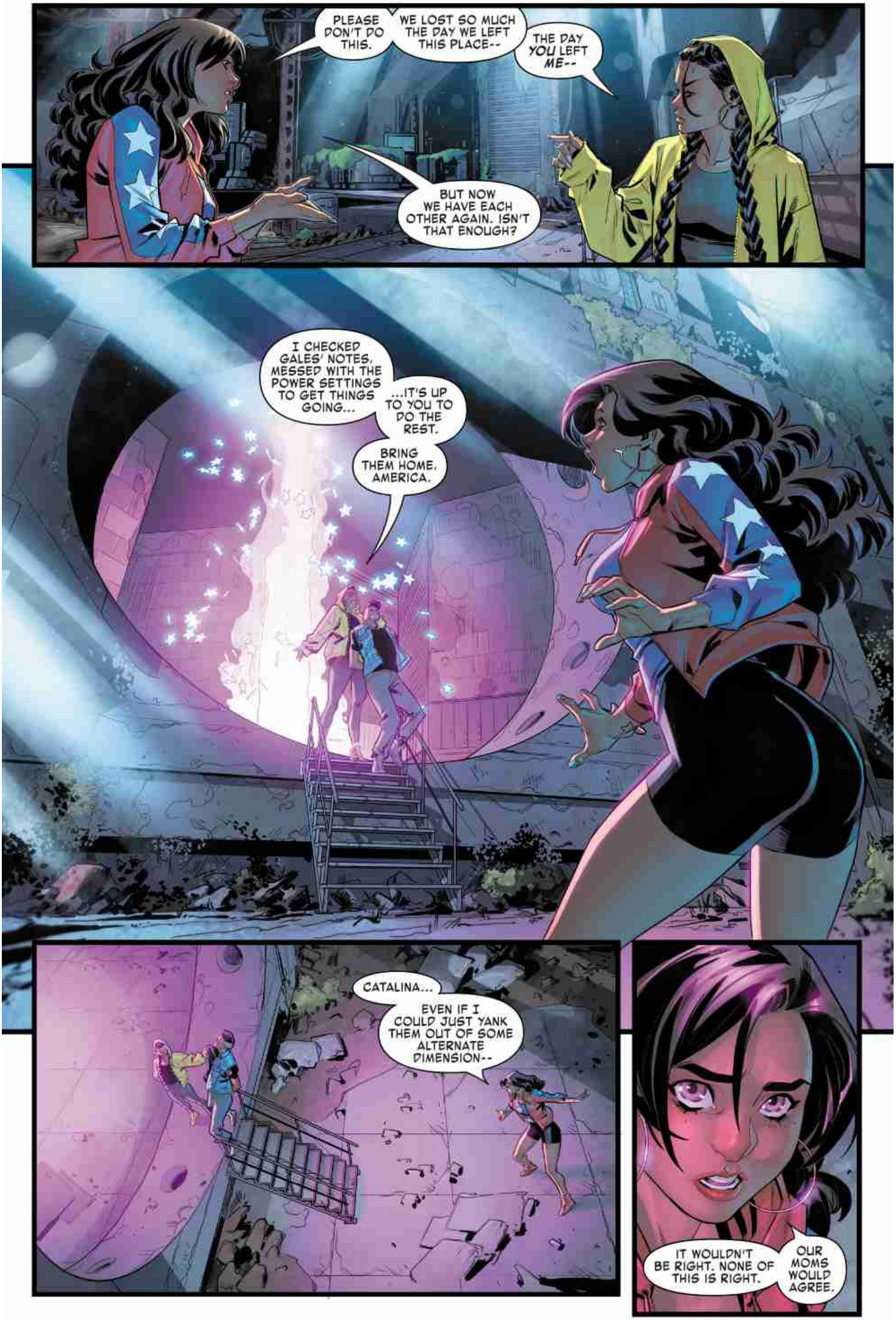
The Utopian Parallel. Now.
IT'S OKAY, BERTO.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY.
MMMFF, 'MERICA, DON' DO 'NYTHING 'AZY...
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DRAGGED HIM INTO THIS, CATALINA.
OH, I WASN'T PLANNING TO.
BUT THEN I FOUND HIM SEARCHING THE BOARDWALK.
GUESS YOUR CLAN GOT WORRIED WHEN THEY DIDN'T HEAR FROM YOU.
LIKE ANY GOOD LATINA, YOU TALK AND TALK ABOUT LA FAMILIA.
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE WHAT IT ACTUALLY MEANS TO YOU.
IF YOU WANT TO GET YOUR BROTHER OUT OF THIS? I NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE MAIN STARLING CHAMBER.
WELL, THAT'S... ANNOYINGLY VAGUE.
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THAT CHAMBER DO SOMETHING IT'S NEVER DONE BEFORE.
REAL MAGIC.


YOU'RE THE ONLY STARLING WHO CAN DO IT, AMERICA.
THE ONLY ONE WHO'S EVER MADE CONTACT WITH THE DEMIURGE--OR WHATEVER IT IS.
IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO LET YOU PUT THESE GIRLS THROUGH WHAT I WENT THROUGH--
WHAT *YOU* WENT THROUGH?
GIRL, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW.
AFTER *YOU* ESCAPED, GALES TRIED TO PRETEND I WAS HIS DAUGHTER.
AS IF I COULDN'T REMEMBER OUR MOMS. OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM.

"WE MOVED INTO SOME MEDICAL CENTER IN SWITZERLAND...
"I WAS THE ONLY STARLING GALES HAD LEFT. HIS LAST CHANCE.
LAST ONE OF THE DAY, CATA. PROMISE.
"FIRST COUPLE OF YEARS I SHOWED NO SIGNS OF EDGES. BUT YOU CAN'T TREAT SOMEONE WHO ISN'T SICK.
"WITHOUT THE TREATMENTS, I WAS JUST AN ORDINARY LITTLE GIRL.
DON'T WORRY, CATA. WE'LL MAKE YOU WELL AGAIN.
"GALES MADE SURE THE ILLNESS MANIFESTED IN MY BODY WITH FULL FORCE.
"THAT WAY I COULD GET THE CURE.
GO AHEAD. SHOW ME.
"AND EVERYTHING THAT CAME WITH IT.
BZZZZZ
ZZZZZ
"THE HEALTHIER I GOT, THE MORE I COULD DO.
"THANK GOD, EVEN WHEN THE EDGES CAME CREEPING BACK, I WAS STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO GET OUT."

I MADE SURE GALES WOULD NEVER HURT ME AGAIN.
OR ANYONE ELSE.
I'M SO SORRY, CATA...
SPARE ME YOUR PITY, HERMANA. WHAT I NEED IS YOUR HELP.
UNNNHHH!
BZZZ
AND SO DOES YOUR BROTHER.
STOP IT, CATALINA!
YOU WANNA WIN ME OVER TO YOUR CAUSE?
NOT HURTING MY FAMILY WOULD BE A GOOD START.
THERE'S THAT WORD AGAIN.
FAMILY.
WHAT ABOUT OUR FAMILY?
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO OUR MOTHERS IF YOU COULD SEE THEM AGAIN?

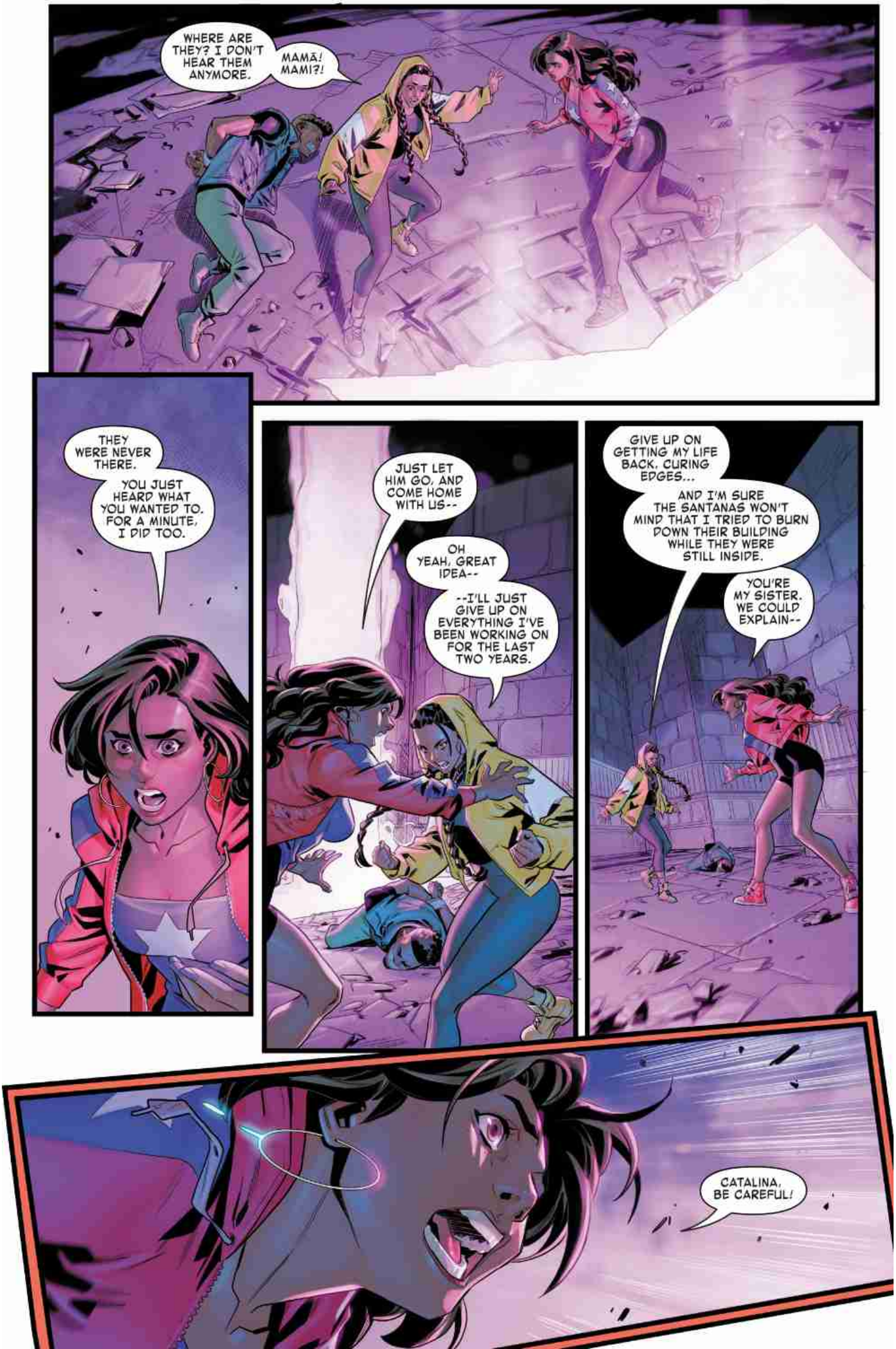
THINK ABOUT IT, BECAUSE YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET YOUR SHOT.
WHAT?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'RE BRINGING THEM BACK, AMERICA.
WE'RE DRAGGING THEM THROUGH THIS CHAMBER, INTO THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE.
IF YOU THINK I CAN JUST--
--HOPSCOTCH THROUGH THE MULTIVERSE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE? THAT'S WHAT I'M COUNTING ON.
THAT'S AN ASK ON A GOOD DAY, NEVER MIND NOW THAT I'M SICK--
COME ON, SIS, WHERE'S THAT SWAGGER? YOU'RE AMERICA THE GREAT. TOUGH AS NAILS, STRONGER THAN STEEL, YOU BOUNCE BACK QUICKER THAN MEMORY FOAM, RIGHT?
I'VE READ YOUR FILE A MILLION TIMES. I KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'VE READ. I CAN'T BRING BACK THE DEAD--
IF I DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER, I'D SAY YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT SEEING OUR MOMS AGAIN.
BUT I CAN *MAKE* YOU CARE.
BZZZZ
'MERICA... OKAY...DON' 'ORRY...


PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.
WE LOST SO MUCH THE DAY WE LEFT THIS PLACE--
THE DAY YOU LEFT ME--
BUT NOW WE HAVE EACH OTHER AGAIN. ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
I CHECKED GALES' NOTES, MESSED WITH THE POWER SETTINGS TO GET THINGS GOING...
...IT'S UP TO YOU TO DO THE REST.
BRING THEM HOME, AMERICA.
CATALINA...
EVEN IF I COULD JUST YANK THEM OUT OF SOME ALTERNATE DIMENSION--
IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT. NONE OF THIS IS RIGHT.
OUR MOMS WOULD AGREE.

YOU'RE WRONG.
SOMETIMES, LATE AT NIGHT... I CAN STILL HEAR THEM.
THEY TALK TO ME.
IF YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LISTEN, I KNOW YOU'LL HEAR THEM TOO.
OUR MOTHERS. ASKING FOR THIS.
AMER... ...ICA
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY.

ULINNNHHH...
BLLLZ
AND I KNOW YOU'LL DO YOUR BEST. FOR ALL YOUR BIG TALK, YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER GOODY-TWO-SHOES HERO.
YOU WON'T LET ALBERTO SUFFER.
LEAVE HIM ALONE, CATALINA! PLEASE!
I WILL. AS SOON AS YOU MAKE A BIGGER DOORWAY.
BIG ENOUGH FOR OUR MOMS TO COME THROUGH.
DON'T WORRY, BERTO. I'VE GOT YOU.
I'VE GOT THIS.
I'LL TRY, CATALINA. BUT I'M TELLING YOU--
BOOOOOOM

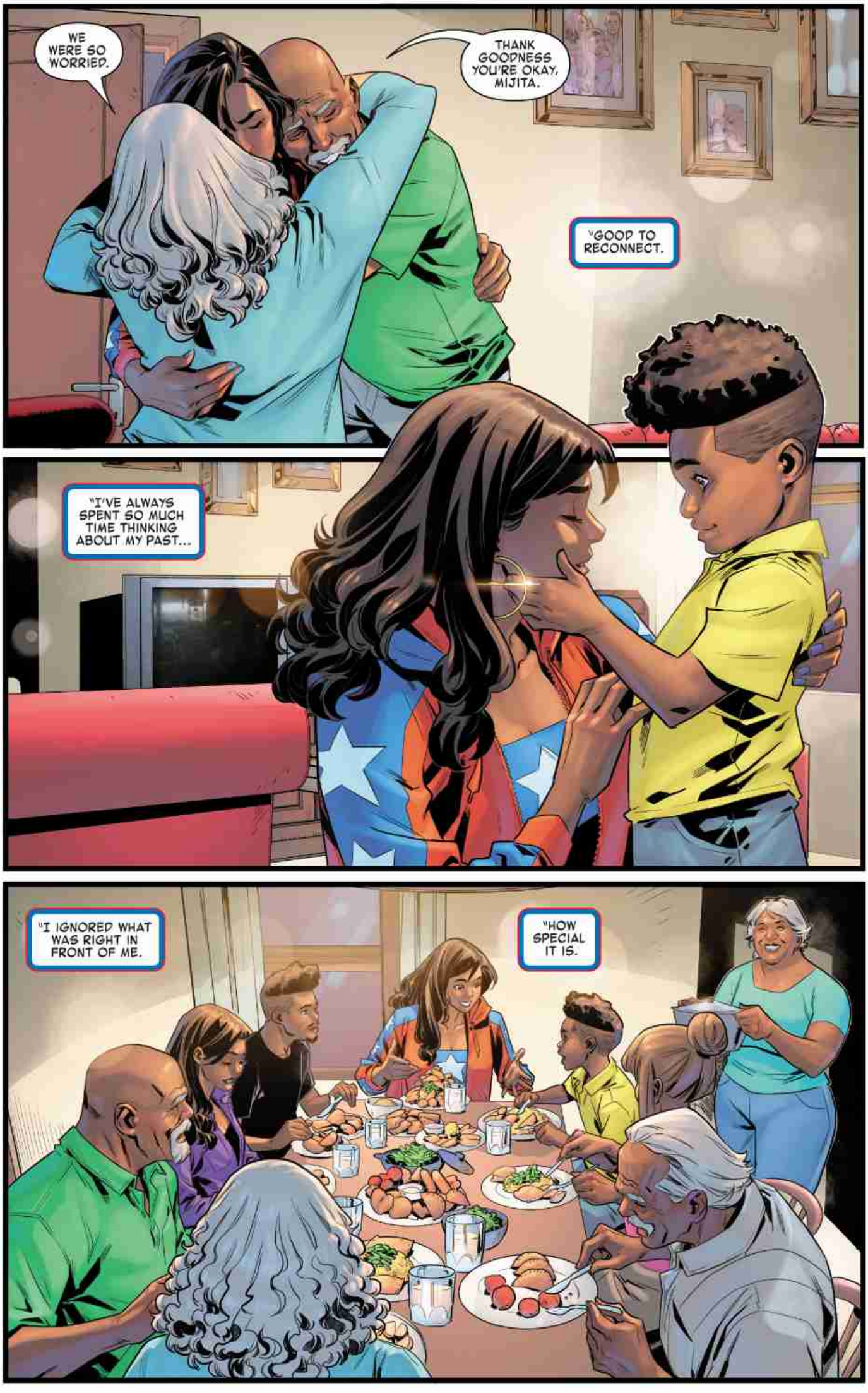
THIS... ISN'T ?UNH&... GOING TO WORK!
MAYBE YOU DON'T *WANT* IT TO.
WHOOOOSH
MAYBE FAMILY IS DISPOSABLE TO YOU.
I MEAN, YOU ICED OUT THE SANTANAS ONCE YOU WERE DONE WITH THEM.
AND NOW YOU'RE READY TO SHUT THE DOOR ON OUR MOMS FOREVER.
I'D DO *ANYTHING* FOR BERTO AND THE SANTANAS.
EVEN... ?UNH!&...FOR *YOU.*
BUT OUR...MOMS? THEY'RE *GONE.*
BOOOOOOM
THERE'S YOUR PORTAL.
NOW LET MY BROTHER GO.


WHERE ARE THEY? I DON'T HEAR THEM ANYMORE.
MAMÁ! MAMI?!
THEY WERE NEVER THERE.
YOU JUST HEARD WHAT YOU WANTED TO. FOR A MINUTE, I DID TOO.
JUST LET HIM GO, AND COME HOME WITH US--
OH YEAH, GREAT IDEA--
--I'LL JUST GIVE UP ON EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.
GIVE UP ON GETTING MY LIFE BACK, CURING EDGES...
AND I'M SURE THE SANTANAS WON'T MIND THAT I TRIED TO BURN DOWN THEIR BUILDING WHILE THEY WERE STILL INSIDE.
YOU'RE MY SISTER. WE COULD EXPLAIN--
CATALINA, BE CAREFUL!

CATALINA!!!
NO!!!

CATALINA...
...THIS WASN'T...
...I WANTED TO...
AMERICA?
BERTO, OH MY GOD...
ARE YOU HURT?
I'LL BE OKAY.
AMERICA... YOUR SISTER...
I'M SO SORRY.
...
COME ON. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
NOW WE FIND HOMES FOR YOU.
IF I CAN FIND ONE, SO CAN ALL OF YOU.
"I MEAN, YEAH...IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A LITTLE WEIRD.
"REMEMBERING EVERYTHING. UNDERSTANDING WHAT MY LIFE WAS BEFORE IT "STARTED OVER"...
"BUT IT'S BEEN GOOD TOO."


WE WERE SO WORRIED.
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE OKAY, MIJITA.
"GOOD TO RECONNECT.
"I'VE ALWAYS SPENT SO MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT MY PAST...
"I IGNORED WHAT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
"HOW SPECIAL IT IS.

"THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO DO."
BODEGA SANTANA
AY, MIJA, HERE--LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.
"AND MOMS APPARENTLY ALWAYS GOTTA MOM.
KATE BISHOP, SANTANAS--SANTANAS, KATE BISHOP. KATE'S MY BFF.
MUCHO GUSTO, KATE.
PLEASURE IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT MINE--HOPEFULLY WE GET TO MEET IRL SOON?
"BUT BOTTOM LINE?
"PEOPLE AROUND HERE COULD USE MY HELP.
"NO ONE WILL LOOK OUT FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD THE WAY I WILL.

"I ALSO DON'T MIND PITCHING IN WHEN I CAN."
WHY, THIS IS JUST...
...FOUL.
IN L.A., THEY WERE MOLES AT LEAST.
NEW YORK ALWAYS GETS IT THE WORST, HUH?
WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU...

"I'LL NEVER FORGET MY MOMS--AMALIA AND ELENA. OR WHAT THEY DID FOR ME AND THE OTHER STARLINGS.

"BUT NOW IT'S UP TO ME TO FINISH WHAT THEY COULDN'T. TO FIND A CURE FOR ALL OF US.

DAILY BUGLE
LOCAL BRONX DOCTORS COMMENDED FOR RESEARCH

"WON'T BE EASY. MY EDGES SYMPTOMS GET WORSE EVERY DAY.

"WHICH MEANS ADIOS TO DIMENSION-HOPPING. AND FLYING FOR MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES AT A TIME.

"CAN'T DO HALF THE THINGS I USED TO DO.

"SO I'LL HAVE TO GET CREATIVE WHEN IT COMES TO FINDING THE STARLINGS.

"THE FIRST GROUP. THE GIRLS I CAME UP WITH.

"AND THEN THERE'S MY SISTER. WHO KNOWS WHERE SHE IS--BUT I NEED TO FIND HER MOST OF ALL.

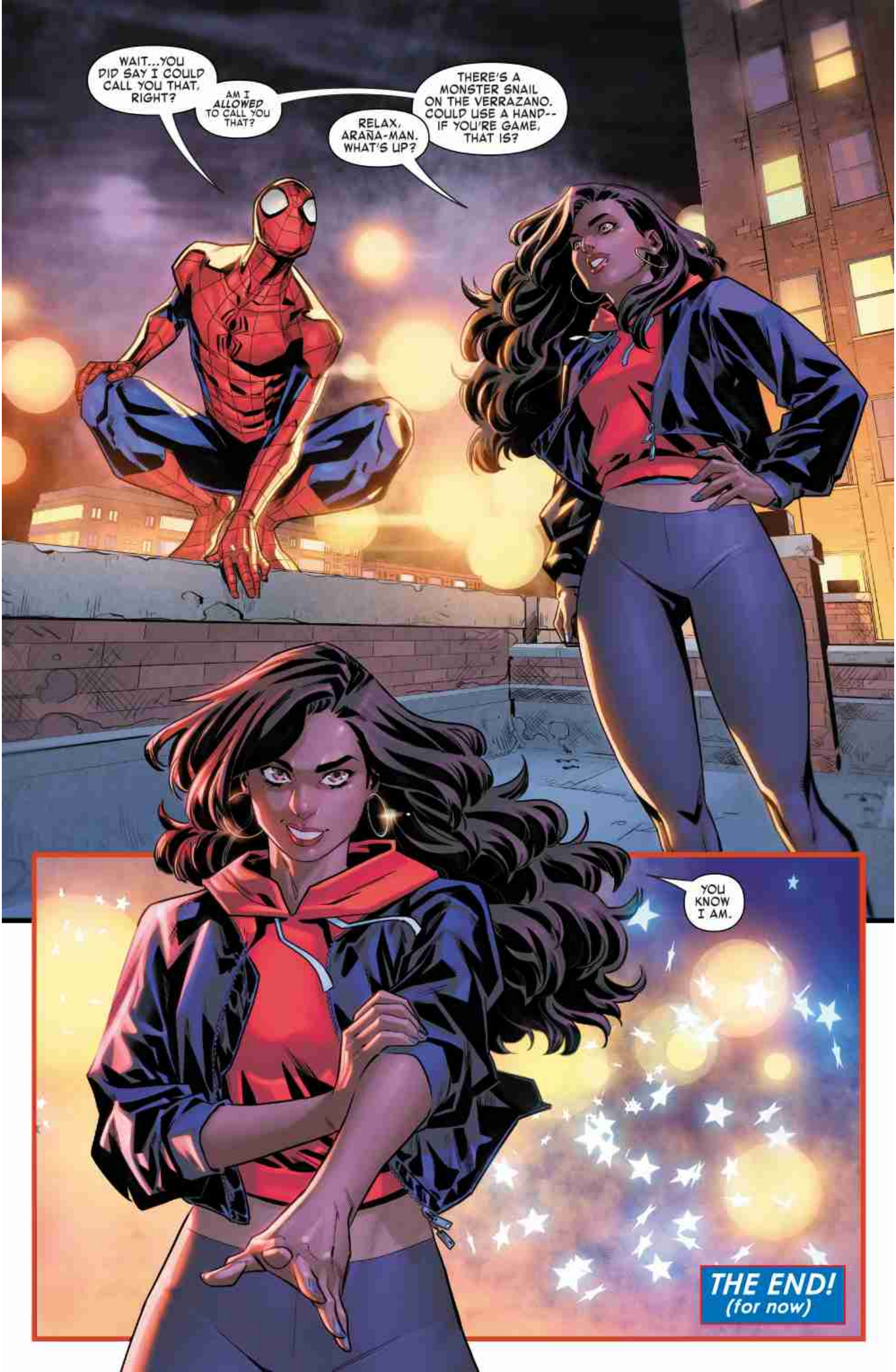
RAMONE... I KNOW THIS IS A LOT...
BUT I WANTED TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING. IN PERSON.

I WISH YOU HAD TOLD ME SOONER...
ABOUT THE SANTANAS. ALL OF IT.

BUT I GET WHY YOU DIDN'T.

WE'LL MISS YOU IN L.A.
THIS ISN'T FOREVER.

I KNOW. BUT AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH...
MAYBE THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED. A MINUTE TO JUST... BREATHE. FOCUS ON YOU.
YOUR FAMILY.
THANK YOU.
FOR BEING SO COOL ABOUT EVERYTHING.
YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME. WHEN YOU'RE READY.
HEY, BORICUA!


WAIT...YOU DID SAY I COULD CALL YOU THAT, RIGHT?
AM I *ALLOWED* TO CALL YOU THAT?
RELAX, ARAÑA-MAN. WHAT'S UP?
THERE'S A MONSTER SNAIL ON THE VERRAZANO. COULD USE A HAND-- IF YOU'RE GAME, THAT IS?
YOU KNOW I AM.
THE END! (for now)

ZONE